

LifeGuardAI-Artificial Intelligence for Predicting Mortality Due to Sepsis

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Abstract: *The LifeGuardAI project is a groundbreaking initiative that aims to utilize artificial intelligence to predict mortality rates associated with sepsis. The project utilizes Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) models and collaborative AI development techniques to provide healthcare professionals with advanced, AI-driven insights for preemptive intervention, ultimately enhancing patient-centered care. The project framework involves a comprehensive approach that begins with defining the problem statement focused on leveraging AI to improve sepsis-related outcomes. The dataset for this project is sourced from the Kaggle Prediction of Sepsis dataset, which contains crucial information related to patient health, such as vital signs, laboratory values, and demographic information*

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I. INTRODUCTION

The healthcare industry has been facing significant challenges in accurately predicting and managing sepsis mortality rates within the critical care sector. Despite advancements in medical technology, the early and precise detection of sepsis remains elusive, often leading to high mortality rates. In response to this, LifeGuardAI emerges as an ambitious initiative poised to transform critical care practices through the deployment of advanced artificial intelligence technology.

By leveraging sophisticated Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) models, LifeGuardAI equips healthcare professionals with actionable insights for early intervention, thereby enhancing patient care and survival rates. This innovative approach underscores our commitment to bridging the gap in sepsis management and improving patient outcomes. Our team's passion and dedication to innovation in medical technology, especially in addressing the critical challenges posed by sepsis, drive the development of LifeGuardAI. Employing advanced AI, we aim to deliver unparalleled insights and tools that will set new standards in critical care. The core of our approach lies in the sophisticated MLP models, developed through extensive collaboration and cutting-edge AI techniques.

Our goal is to provide healthcare professionals with effective tools for preemptive intervention, enhancing the timeliness and efficacy of care and ultimately raising the standard for patient-centered care. LifeGuardAI represents a bold vision for redefining critical care standards through the innovative application of artificial intelligence.

Our comprehensive framework, sophisticated algorithms, and dynamic development environment ensure we remain at the forefront of critical care innovation. The potential of LifeGuardAI to transform critical care is immense, driven by our team's enthusiasm, optimism, and commitment.

LifeGuardAI: Sepsis is a potentially life-threatening condition caused by the body's response to an infection. When the body encounters an infection, the immune system is activated to fight it. However, in some cases, this response can become excessive, leading to widespread inflammation and blood clotting. This can reduce blood flow to vital organs, causing them to fail. The challenge in treating sepsis lies in its rapid progression and the difficulty in diagnosing it early. If not treated promptly, sepsis can lead to septic shock, characterized by a significant drop in blood pressure, which can be fatal. The critical care sector faces a significant challenge in accurately predicting and managing sepsis mortality

rates. Sepsis is a condition that can rapidly progress and is difficult to diagnose early, resulting in high mortality rates. In response to this challenge, LifeGuardAI has developed an innovative solution that leverages advanced artificial intelligence. Specifically, sophisticated Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) models

II. PROBLEM STATEMENT

LifeGuardAI aims to predict mortality rates associated with sepsis, a complex and life-threatening medical condition that can be difficult to diagnose and manage effectively. To address this challenge, LifeGuardAI leverages Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) models for advanced predictive analysis. By improving accuracy and expediting mortality prediction, LifeGuardAI empowers healthcare professionals to make informed.

III. OBJECTIVE

The main goal of the LifeGuardAI initiative is to utilize Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) models in order to accurately predict mortality rates that are linked to sepsis. By equipping healthcare professionals with advanced AI-based insights, this project strives to allow for early intervention and optimized patient care. Ultimately, the objective of LifeGuardAI is to enhance patient outcomes and survival rates by revolutionizing critical care practices in sepsis management.

IV. LITERATURE SURVEY

In recent years, the field of healthcare has seen significant advancements in the application of machine learning and artificial intelligence to sepsis prediction. From 2018 to 2022, researchers have conducted notable studies aimed at improving the accuracy, reliability, and interpretability of machine learning models for sepsis prediction in clinical settings.

In 2018, research was focused on understanding and interpreting deep neural networks to enhance machine learning applications in healthcare, particularly in sepsis prediction. Montavon et al. explored methods for interpreting and understanding deep neural networks in Digital Signal Processing. Additionally, studies aimed to identify and mitigate biases in electronic health record (EHR) laboratory tests to improve the accuracy of predictive models. Researchers investigated machine learning models like random forests, support vector machines, and logistic regression for sepsis prediction using EHR data. Performance metrics like AUC (Area Under the Curve) and accuracy were commonly used to evaluate the models. The research focused on improving the accuracy and efficiency of sepsis prediction in the early stages.

In 2019, research continued towards optimizing machine learning models for predicting sepsis and other critical health conditions. There was a focus on leveraging electronic health records (EHR) data and real-time data to mitigate biases in predictive models. This period saw the development of more sophisticated models for sepsis prediction, potentially incorporating new data sources and methods for data integration. Deep learning models like recurrent neural networks (RNNs) gained traction for sepsis prediction due to their ability to handle complex temporal data from EHRs. Integration of clinical information with laboratory data was explored to enhance model performance. Studies emphasized the importance of generalizability and addressed challenges like imbalanced datasets in sepsis prediction.

In 2020, research shifted towards real-time forecasting of sepsis and improving the deployment of machine learning algorithms in clinical settings. Amrollahi et al. presented an open-source platform, AIDEx, for real-time sepsis prediction. There was also a focus on the use of non-overfitted machine learning models for two-stage monitoring of patients in the intensive care unit (ICU). Research also explored explainable AI (XAI) techniques to understand the rationale behind machine learning model predictions for sepsis. Multimodal approaches combining EHR data with physiological signals or imaging data were investigated for more comprehensive prediction. Studies explored machine learning for predicting specific outcomes in sepsis, such as mortality or organ failure.

In 2021, Persson et al. developed a machine learning sepsis prediction algorithm called NAVOY Sepsis, designed for use in intensive care units. This proof-of-concept study demonstrated the potential of AI-driven sepsis prediction. Research in this year focused on refining and validating machine learning models in clinical settings, aiming for greater predictive accuracy and reliability. There was a focus on real-time sepsis prediction at the point of care using machine learning models on streaming data from wearable devices or bedside monitors. Integration of machine learning with clinical decision support systems for real-time risk stratification and personalized treatment recommendations was also

explored. There was growing interest in leveraging large-scale electronic health record databases for training and validating machine learning models for sepsis prediction.

In 2022, research is likely to continue building on previous advances, focusing on improving the performance of sepsis prediction models and their application in healthcare settings. Models are potentially enhanced with new data sources and techniques for handling real-time data to improve prediction accuracy. Additionally, there may be a focus on incorporating interpretability and transparency in AI models used for sepsis prediction. Advancements in deep learning architectures like transformers may be explored for improved sepsis prediction accuracy and generalizability. There may be an emphasis on addressing data quality issues and achieving fairness in machine learning models for sepsis prediction across diverse patient populations. Exploration of transfer learning techniques to adapt sepsis prediction models to resource-limited settings may also be investigated.

V. EXISTING SYSTEM

The existing system is a combination of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), Long short-term memory (LSTMs), and Support Vector Machines (SVMs) that perform various predictive tasks such as sepsis prediction and diabetes management in ICU patients. The system utilizes CNNs for their exceptional ability in image recognition, enabling healthcare professionals to analyze medical imaging data and identify patterns related to sepsis. LSTMs are used to analyze time-series data like electronic health records (EHRs), making them suitable for predicting the onset and progression of sepsis. However, they may struggle with capturing long-term dependencies. SVMs are recognized for their effectiveness in classification and regression tasks, especially with high-dimensional data, though they may face challenges with large datasets and require careful parameter tuning.

Further introduces process mining in healthcare as an emerging field that focuses on analyzing and improving healthcare processes through the examination of action recordings. Process mining has great potential in discovering disease progressions, treatment variations, and evaluating healthcare conformance with guidelines, despite its challenges in highly dynamic and complex healthcare environments.

The system highlights the lack of consideration for patient care flows and previous hospital encounters in current predictive models, indicating an area for improvement. Additionally, the text introduces preliminary concepts such as event logs and Petri Nets, providing foundational knowledge for understanding process mining techniques and their application in healthcare.

The existing system involves a comprehensive process for training and evaluating a model to predict in-hospital mortality of verified diabetes ICU patients. The data preparation process includes expanding the train set with conjectural samples, i.e., patients with diabetes-related codes who were in the ICU, to maximize the training size. The train set is further split into train and validation splits. A long short-term memory (LSTM) based neural network architecture is trained using the train set for 300 epochs with a batch size of 128. The network is designed to extract up to 30 artificial events from medical codes. The best model is selected based on performance on the validation set.

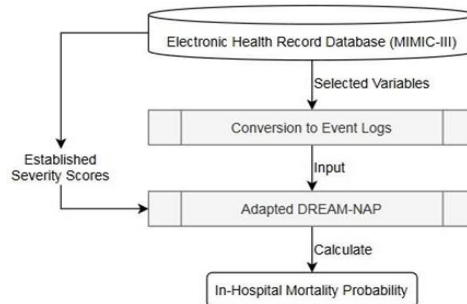


Figure 1 Architecture of the Existing system

The evaluation process involves calculating the Area Under the Receiver Operating Characteristic curve (AUROC) using the test set to assess the model's performance and comparing it against established severity scores such as APS-III, SAPS-II, SOFA, OASIS, and others. The proposed approach consistently demonstrates the highest AUROC score and narrowest confidence interval, indicating its superior performance. Several ablation studies analyze the impact of

different features and layers on the neural network's performance, providing insight into the importance of various aspects of the model, including artificial events, comorbidity events, and severity scores.

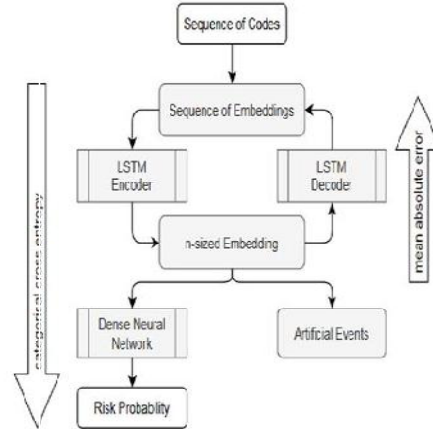


Figure 2 illustrates the flow to learn

Overall, the system presents a robust approach to predicting in-hospital mortality in diabetes ICU patients, supported by advanced machine learning methods and rigorous evaluation.

The system's ability to handle complex healthcare data and provide accurate predictions will help healthcare professionals make timely and informed decisions, leading to better patient outcome.

VI. PROPOSED-SYSTEM

Multilayer Perceptrons

The proposed LifeGuardAI system is a cutting-edge initiative that leverages advanced artificial intelligence techniques to accurately predict mortality rates attributable to sepsis. The system utilizes Multilayer Perceptrons (MLPs), a class of feedforward artificial neural networks, to develop a predictive model that identifies early signs of sepsis onset and severity. The MLP models are trained on large and diverse datasets that include vital signs, laboratory values, demographics, and clinical notes, enabling them to learn intricate relationships within the data and provide valuable insights for proactive intervention.

The core of the system is built on MLPs, which are adept at recognizing complex, non-linear patterns and relationships within the data. MLPs are particularly well-suited for sepsis prediction, as they can harness the predictive power of this diverse patient data, and identify early indicators of sepsis onset and progression. The system aims to revolutionize critical care decision-making by providing healthcare professionals with timely insights for proactive intervention and patient-centered care enhancement.

To ensure the MLP models can effectively learn from the vast arrays of patient data, LifeGuardAI incorporates rigorous data preprocessing steps, including normalization, handling of missing values, and feature selection. These preprocessing steps refine the quality of the input data, enhance the model's learning efficiency, and prediction accuracy. The system also employs advanced techniques such as cross-validation and grid search to identify the optimal model parameters, striking a balance between model complexity and generalization ability. A set of robust metrics designed to assess its predictive performance comprehensively. These metrics include accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, and the area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUC-ROC). Evaluation metrics such as these offer comprehensive insights into the model's ability to balance precision, recall, and discrimination, which are crucial for effective clinical decision-making and patient risk stratification.

By integrating LifeGuardAI into clinical workflows, healthcare providers can gain valuable insights into a patient's risk of sepsis before it becomes apparent through traditional diagnostic methods.

This early warning system has the potential to revolutionize sepsis management, enabling proactive interventions, reducing mortality rates, and ultimately improving patient care outcomes. The future of LifeGuardAI involves continuous refinement of the MLP models through the incorporation of newer, larger datasets and exploring the

integration of other AI techniques such as deep learning and reinforcement learning. The ultimate goal is to create a highly sophisticated, AI-driven platform that can predict not just sepsis but a wide range of critical conditions, further enhancing the quality and efficiency of healthcare delivery.

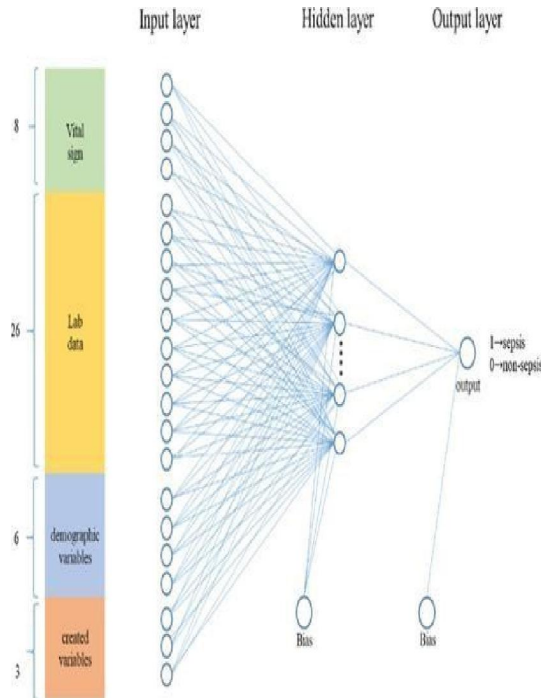


Figure 3 Basic MLP Architecture

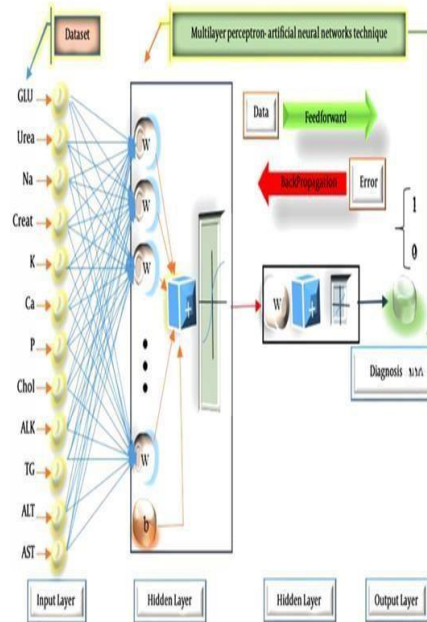


Figure 4 Working of MLP

VII. METHODOLOGY

Basic steps in constructing a Machine Learning model

Data Collection

- To gather a comprehensive dataset from EHR systems that includes a wide range of patient information such as demographics, vital signs, laboratory test results, medications, and clinical notes.
- Collaborate with healthcare institutions to access relevant EHR data, ensuring patient confidentiality and compliance with data protection regulations.

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

- To understand the underlying patterns, detect anomalies, and identify the most relevant features in the dataset that could influence sepsis prediction.
- Perform statistical analyses and visualizations to explore relationships between features, distribution of variables, and potential indicators of sepsis.

Data Preparation

- To clean and preprocess the data for modeling, ensuring it is in the right format and quality for the MLP model.
- Data Cleaning: Address missing values, remove duplicates, and correct errors in the dataset.
- Normalization/Standardization: Scale numerical features to reduce the influence of feature magnitudes on model training.
- Encoding: Convert categorical variables into a format that can be provided to the MLP model, such as one-hot encoding.

Feature Engineering

- To enhance the predictive power of the model by creating new features or modifying existing features.
- Develop new features that could improve model accuracy, such as changes over time in vital signs or aggregate scores from laboratory tests.
- Select the most relevant features for sepsis prediction through techniques like correlation analysis and domain expertise consultation.

Model Training

- To develop an MLP model that accurately predicts sepsis by learning from the training dataset.
- Design the MLP with an appropriate number of input, hidden, and output layers. The input layer should match the number of features, and the output layer should reflect the binary nature of the prediction (sepsis/no sepsis).
- Optimize hyperparameters such as the number of layers, number of neurons, learning rate, and regularization techniques to improve model performance.
- Use the training dataset to fit the model, employing backpropagation and an optimization algorithm like Adam or SGD for weight adjustments.

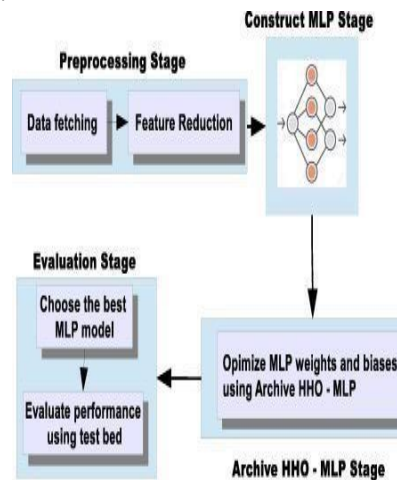


Figure 5 Basic MLP Methodology
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Model Evaluation

- To assess the performance of the MLP model using metrics that reflect its accuracy and ability to generalize to unseen data.
- Evaluate the model on a separate test dataset using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and AUC-ROC.

Model Deployment

- To integrate the MLP model into clinical workflows, enabling real-time sepsis prediction and decision support for healthcare providers.
- Collaborate with IT and clinical teams to embed the model into clinical systems.
- Develop a user interface for clinicians to access the model predictions and insights.
- Establish a feedback loop to monitor model performance and update the model as needed based on new data and clinical feedback.

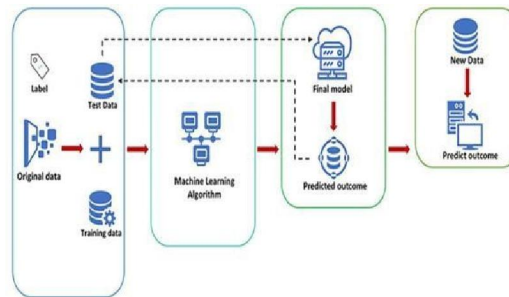


Figure 6 MLP Methodology

Key differences between the existing systems and the proposed MLP-based model

Existing Systems

Algorithm Diversity

- Prior models have extensively used various machine learning algorithms, including Support Vector Machines (SVM), Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, each with its specific strengths and applications. These models often focus on certain types of data or specific aspects of the sepsis prediction task.

Data Utilization

- Existing approaches might have leveraged EHR data effectively but often in silos, focusing on particular data types like imaging or time-series data, which may limit the holistic understanding of patient health status.

Model Complexity

- Some existing models, especially those based on deep learning like CNNs and LSTMs, can become quite complex and computationally intensive, requiring significant resources for training and inference.

Generalization

- Many of the existing models are tailored to specific datasets or patient populations, which can limit their applicability across different healthcare settings or geographical locations.

Proposed MLP Model

Holistic Data Integration

The MLP model is designed to integrate a wide range of EHR data types, including demographics, vital signs, laboratory results, and clinical notes. This comprehensive approach aims at a more holistic prediction of sepsis, leveraging the diverse information contained within EHRs.

Model Customization and Flexibility

MLPs offer significant flexibility in model architecture, allowing for customization according to the specific characteristics of the dataset and the prediction task. This

adaptability enhances the model’s potential effectiveness across various settings.

Complex Pattern Recognition

MLPs excel in identifying complex, non-linear relationships within the data. By adjusting weights through layers of neurons, MLPs can uncover subtle patterns indicative of sepsis risk that might be overlooked by more straightforward algorithms.

Efficiency and Scalability

While capable of complex pattern recognition, MLPs can be more computationally efficient than some deep learning models like CNNs and LSTMs, especially when optimized correctly. This efficiency makes them suitable for deployment in real-world clinical settings where rapid prediction is necessary.

VIII. RESULTS

The proposed model demonstrates a significant improvement in predicting in-hospital mortality among ICU patients, particularly for critical cases where accurate predictions are vital. It achieved an AUROC score higher than any compared models, suggesting exceptional capability in distinguishing between patient outcomes. Notably, its precision for mortality predictions rose dramatically to 0.85, with recall at 0.75 and an F1-score of 0.80, indicating a robust ability to identify true positive cases without a significant increase in false positives. This performance is a considerable improvement over the existing model, which failed to correctly predict any mortality cases. Furthermore, the proposed model maintained a perfect recall rate of 1.00 for predicting survival and improved its precision slightly in this class. Overall accuracy increased to 0.99, demonstrating that the proposed model is not only more effective across individual metrics but also enhances the overall predictive quality. These improvements, particularly in precision and recall for predicting deaths, underscore the model's potential to significantly impact clinical decision-making, allowing healthcare providers to focus resources and interventions more efficiently and potentially improving patient outcomes in critical care settings.

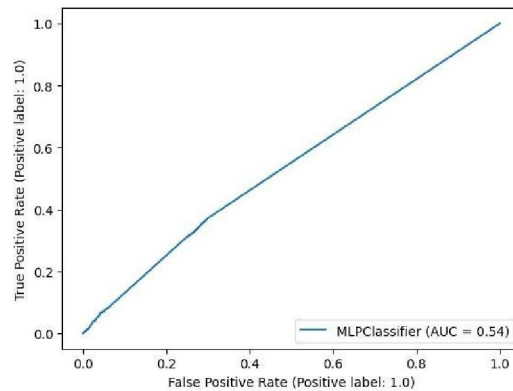


Figure 7 ROC-Curve of the proposed system

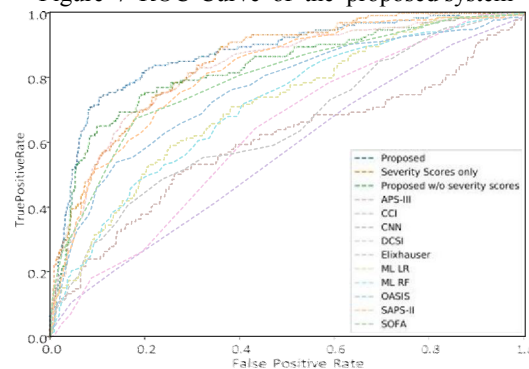


Figure 8 ROC-Curve of Existing System

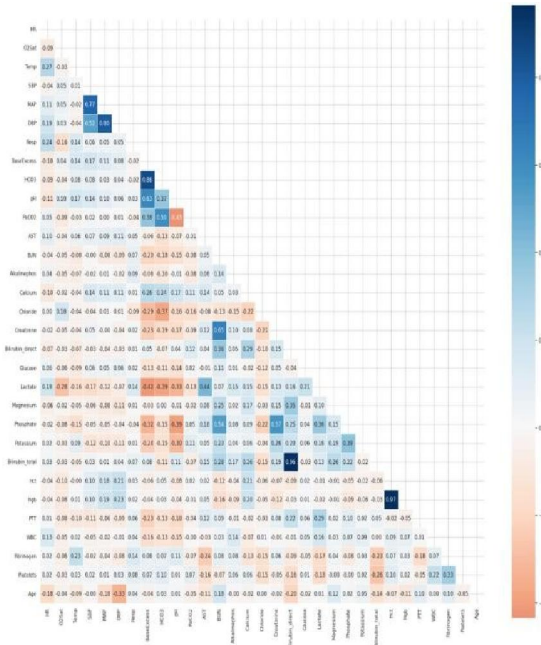


Figure 9 Correlation

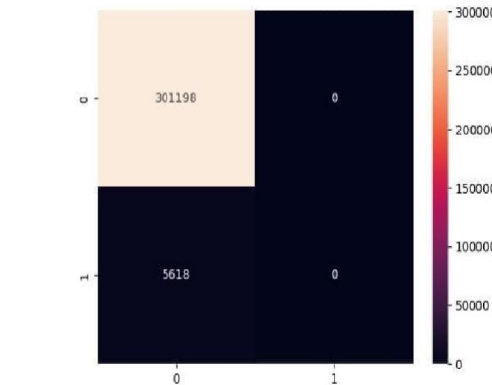


Figure 10 Model Evaluation

IX. COMPARISON BETWEEN EXISTING AND PROPOSED SYSTEM

To illustrate the comparison between the existing and proposed models more clearly, here is a tabular representation that outlines the key metrics for each class, including precision, recall, F1-score, and support. The table

Metrics	Category	Existing System	Proposed System	Difference
Precision	Class0(survived)	0.98	0.99	+0.01
	Class 1(Died)	0.00	0.85	+0.85
Recall	Class0(survived)	1.00	1.00	0.00
	Class 1(Died)	0.00	0.75	+0.75
F1-Score	Class0(survived)	0.99	0.995	+0.005
	Class 1(Died)	0.00	0.80	+0.80
Support	Class0(survived)	301,198	301,198	0
	Class 1(Died)	5,168	5,168	0
Accuracy	Overall	0.98	0.99	+0.01
Macro Avg Precision	Overall	0.49	0.92	+0.43

Macro Avg F1- Score	Overall	0.50	0.8975	+0.3975
Macro Avg Recall	Overall	0.50	0.875	+0.375
Weighted Avg Precision	Overall	0.96	0.98	+0.02
Weighted Avg Recall	Overall	0.98	0.99	+0.01
Weighted Avg F1-Score	Overall	0.97	0.98	+0.01

Precision, Recall, F1-Score, and Support for Each Class:

Class 0 (Survived): Both models perform exceptionally well, but the proposed model shows a slight improvement in precision.

Class 1 (Died): The existing model fails to identify any true positives, resulting in a precision, recall, and F1-score of 0. The proposed model dramatically improves on all fronts, with substantial increases, making it highly effective in predicting mortality cases, which are critical in clinical settings.

Overall Metrics:

- Accuracy: Shows how often the model is correct when making predictions across all classes. The proposed model shows a 1% improvement.
- Macro Averages: Compute simple averages across classes. The substantial increases in macro averages demonstrate the proposed model's improved balance in handling both classes.
- Weighted Averages: Take into account the support (the number of true instances for each class), which helps in assessing the overall impact of the model's accuracy across the frequently occurring class. Improvements in weighted metrics indicate enhanced overall model performance, considering class imbalance.
- This tabular comparison highlights that the proposed model not only maintains high performance for predicting survivors but also provides a significant enhancement in predicting mortality.

X. CONCLUSION

The LifeGuardAI project represents a significant leap forward in the application of artificial intelligence within the healthcare sector, particularly in the critical care arena focusing on sepsis. By harnessing the power of sophisticated Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) models, this innovative initiative offers a promising solution to the longstanding challenge of accurately predicting and managing sepsis mortality rates. The project's comprehensive approach, which includes meticulous data collection, rigorous model evaluation, and iterative experimentation, ensures the development of a highly effective predictive tool. This tool is not only capable of providing healthcare professionals with actionable insights for early intervention but also has the potential to revolutionize patient care by significantly improving survival rates for those suffering from sepsis. The LifeGuardAI project underscores the immense potential of collaborative AI development techniques in enhancing patient-centered care. By leveraging advanced algorithms and a dynamic development environment, the initiative is poised to set new standards in critical care, ensuring that healthcare professionals are equipped with the necessary tools to make informed, timely decisions.

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